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SOBA SPONSORING ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING

The Save Our Bays Association of Long Island is co-sponsor of an Environmental Program with the Sierra Club, (Nassau group) entitled, "Wetlands and Water Quality", to be held on Thursday, Nov. 8th at 8:30 P.M. at the Bellmore Public Library on Bedford Ave., Bellmore L.I. (between Sunrise Hgwy. and Merrick Rd.)

The program will include a speaker from the Environmental Protection Agency who will relate the new standards and procedures of Federal jurisdiction now in effect regarding discharges into the marine waters. For further information call— George H. Wilde— (516) SU-5-3139.

THE NEED FOR BOATING EDUCATION

A few weeks ago, a member of our squadron, Kenneth Bond, and a friend, hauled out two elderly fishermen who were noticed feverishly bailing water from a rowboat about 100 yards west of City Island bridge. Their rented boat was anchored from the bow and the stern in choppy swells of a 15 mile wind, and this caused the boat to fill with water and begin sinking.

As the rescue boat turned about to go to their aid, one of the two men fell overboard. Artificial respiration and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was quickly applied, but with futile results: the victim was dead. The other, being in state of shock, was given first aid.

Ignorance and disrespect of the sea caused these two men to venture out in that blow in pursuit of their fishing sport, unmindful of their health limitations, weather reports and proper boating caution.

Fishing and boating are synonymous. A few hours spent in learning boating safety, as taught by the United States Power Squadrons, can avoid future statistics.

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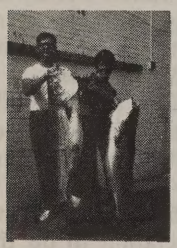

ABOUT THE COVER: Joe Lee and Rosalie Maggiore hold 54½ and 41 lb. stripers which they trolled off Lido Beach. The larger bass is a record for the Kings Bay Striper Club.

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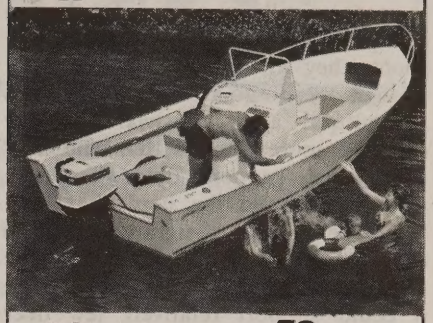

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DEER CHECKING STATIONS

On October 25, the first of New York's 600,000 gunners tood to the field for deer. As they took up their stations in predawn stillness, waiting for the sun to top the horizon so they could legally shoot, they knew that there are not enough deer to go around. New York's agricultural and industrial economy supports more hunters than the deer range can support deer. To even attempt to build the herd that high would be very short-sighted, for their demands for food would quickly reduce the quality of the range to a point where it could support relatively few deer through the bad days of winter.

If we are to get the most of deer in terms of all types of recreation, we must think of the deer herd as money in the bank, and see that it is invested at the highest possible rate of interest. You can take interest from your bank account without dipping into principal; similarly you can remove from a deer herd by one means or another, a number of deer equal to the fawn crop without reducing the basic breeding population. In other words, a doe that produces two famous fawns each spring is doing as much for the herd as two less productive deer.

The reproductive rate of a deer herd depends directly on the nutritional quality of food they eat, particularly through the cold winter months. During winter, biologists keep track of the condition of deer, the numbers that concentrate in winter yards and look for evidence of starvation, all of which give a good idea of how healthy deer are during critical winter months. The best information is given the biologist by the deer themselves during hunting season, when hunters bring thousands of deer to Department-operated deer checking stations.

The Department has been operating deer checking stations long enough so that biologists now have a 25-year yardstick with which they can measure the health of the deer herd and the condition of their winter range. Information collected from each buck includes its age, number of antler points, diameter of the antler an inch above the base and sometimes its weight. Years of weighing deer and measuring their antlers has shown that there is a close relationship between the two, so now deer are weighed only when it will not delay other hunters.

Specific information about deer is worthless if we do not know what part of the deer range it represents, so the date and location of kill are also recorded. All this only takes a few minutes to gather, but it is surprising how much can be gleaned from it.

Antler development occurs during the season when food is no problem, for deer are then feeding on lush green vegetation of spring and summer. Before it can divert energy required for growth to its antlers, deer must first recover from any loss of body weight and vigor resulting from inadequate food supplies during the previous winter. Therefore, winter food conditions are reflected in antler growth. Bucks on range where there is adequate food during winter produce better antlers than those living on over-browsed range.

Since bucks continue to grow for about four years, the first thing that must be done with antler data is to separate it by age so that the comparisons will be realistic. It must also be broken down by location of kill — county, town and deer mangement unit. In this way, comparisons can be made within ecological areas, eliminating the size difference that could occur because of the difference in the basic soil fertility.

A study of age composition of the deer herd, based on data collected at checking stations, will reveal such things as whether enough of the older, twin-bearing does remain in the population or whether an undue number of fawns starved during a long, cold winter.

Bring your deer to one of the Department's checking stations so it can add to information for better hunting. Courtesy of N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation. For further information, call: Arthur Woldt (518) 457-5400.

MANY RABBITS WASTED UNNECESSARILY

The cottontail rabbit has always furnished New York State hunters more take-home animals for the stew pot and more recreational hunting hours than any other species of small game. With their numbers generally on the increase, hunting for this favorite should be again on the upswing. Unfortunately, many tasty carcasses will be thrown out by hunters who suspect they are unfit for human consumption.

One early season cause of turning off the hunter is the discovery of larva of the rabbit bot fly under its skin. This large grub, about an inch long and a half inch in diameter, is usually found under the skin in the neck or groin region. The flesh in the area may be inflamed, but is perfectly edible. The grub leaves the rabbit to pupate early in the hunting season, so hunters who wait until after the snow has laid down the vegetation to do their rabbit hunting will not see them.

The big concern of most hunters while cleaning cottontails is that they may have a rabbit which is infected with tularemia. This bacterial disease is spread to humans through the blood of the rabbit which gets into a cut or scratch in the hands while cleaning rabbits. Since tularemia is fatal to humans about five percent of the time, this is something to consider. Fortunately, chances of finding tularemia in a New York rabbit are extremely rare. In the past most cases have been in areas where imported rabbits were

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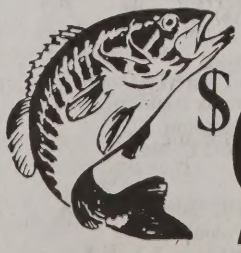

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released. The last cottontails were legally imported and released more than fifteen years ago, so our native rabbits should be quite clean.

In advanced stages of tularemia, the rabbit is very sick and acts it. They will not flush from cover readily and if they do, may stagger only a short distance before they stop, or even fall down. Any animal in this condition should not be handled, but covered with rocks so that scavenging animals will not feed on it.

Liver of the infected rabbit is swollen and covered with small white spots. This is what causes many rabbits to be thrown out, for at least 80 percent of all New York rabbits are infected with dog tapeworm, which also causes white spots on the liver.

Tularemia spots are small and will number in the thousands, while the dog tapeworm spots are large, about the size of the end of the eraser on a pencil, and are few in number. Further evidence of the dog tapeworm is the presence of little white objects, about the size of a grain of rice, encased in an envelope of clear jelly. These little sacks are scattered throughout the body cavity, but particularly in the pubic region. There may be only a half dozen and go unnoticed, or they may be extremely numerous. These are the cysts of the dog tapeworm, waiting for some candid to come along and eat the rabbit so they can become adult tapeworms.

If you find a truly suspcious swollen liver with many fine white spots, you should wash your hands with soap and water, and rinse with a disinfectant. The rabbit and liver should be sent express collect to the Game Pathologist, Wildlife Research Laboratory, Delmar New York.

The real hazard from rabbits is to your hound. If you clean your game immediately in the field to give it the proper chance to cool, make certain that the visera, with the dog tapeworm cysts, are disposed of in such a manner that your dog will not come back and devour them.

A third needless cause for rabbits being discarded is the presence of a soft, pinkish, wartlike protuberance on the rabbit, usually around the feet or face. This is known as Shope's fibroma, and is an outgrowth of the skin. When the skin is removed, so is the fibroma, with no effect on the eating quality of the flesh.

The chances are almost certain that your rabbit is healthy, so don't spoil it by poor care in the field. You will have good eating. Courtesy of N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation.

CLUB NEWS

WINNERS OF 1973 CHOPPER ROUND UP

Following is the official list of winners in the 1973 Chopper Round Up:

1. Gunther Krinner, East Bay Anglers
   14 lb. 10 oz.
2. Frank Gatto, Eastern Anglers
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2. Two-way Tie.
   Elly Christie, Babylon TC 9 lb. 15 oz.
   Wendy Kirkland, Babylon TC 9 lb. 15 oz.
3. Dorothy Ann Tower, Individual 9 lb. 12 oz.

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Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the "Amity Harbor Fishing Club" Annual Dinner-Dance to be held Saturday, November 24, 1973 at Musicaro's Restaurant, located at 1730 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY, off Route 110. Tickets are $38. per couple which includes • open bar cocktail hour • prime rib dinner and dancing to live music.

For tickets, please contact John Hooper, (516) 842-2846 or Bill Russo, (516) 826-6582. Please make reservations early to help our committee make the proper arrangements.

A special thanks to the operators of the weigh stations — Frank & Dicks at Fire Island Inlet and Charvins at Jones Inlet.

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club wishes to thank all who participated in the Chopper Round Up and helped to make it a success.

SOUND SURF FISHING CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Once again its that time of the year when our club starts it annual drive to recruit new members. We are interested not only in people who are fishing fanatics, but also people who are gregarious and enjoy having good times at such club-sponsored events as clam bakes, dinners and dances, casting tournaments and other related club activities.

If any prospective applicants may have younger family members who are interested in fishing, we also sponsor Junior and Pee Wee Divisions which are directly related to our senior club activities.

If any one is interested in inquiring into our organization (which, incidentally, has had an outstanding record in the Schaeffer Club Competitions in past years), they can drop me a line; I will be more than glad to get in touch with them. Thomas M. Meyer, Secretary, Sound Surf Fishing Club, P.O. Box 217, Northport, N.Y. 11768.

Fish A-Risin'

by Zachary Grossman

When the sun dips below the horizon, the bass and blues will be a-risin'. This proverb holds true throughout the fall run of stripers and bluefish in our area. When you see boats heading for port while light still shines, after chasing fish all day, wave to them as you head out to the hot spots where the real excitement is about to begin.

As the light starts to fade the bass and blues that have been staying down deep head for the shoreline and the shallows where the baitfish have gone for sanctuary. The spearing, sand eels, small bunkers, and other baitfish move in close to the rocks, seaweed and shallows that afford cover against the predators that roam the area.

During the day the gamefish concentrate on finding and attacking schools of baitfish that can be surrounded and herded together. The gamefish might also take up residence in a rip where they can pounce on any passing morsel of food. When night comes, however, the predators, with their superior eyesight, head for the easy pickings.

The baitfish and the grass shrimp that are found among the rocks do not have the vision or the reflexes to get away from a powerful predator at night. The bass or blue has the element of surprise and uses it to good advantage; it will get underneath the quarry so that it is silhouetted against the sky. No matter how dark a night it is, the prey will show up black against the sky while the gamefish is invisible when viewed from above by his quarry. A short upward lunge, and it's all over.

Norma with a blue caught on a Rebel, using an 8 lb. test outfit.

A slowly moving lure such as a floating Rebel, a popper, a swimmer (like a skin plug), or an Alou Eel worked in these areas will attract the attention of gamesters.

If the spot you've selected is a rockpile you must fish the area that has the bait, and this will be indicated by the stage of the tide. The gamefish, therefore, will stay as close to the rocks as they can. If the tide is low this means that they will be at the nearest dropoff with water enough to cover them. Here they will wait until their quarry ventures out into the open, then they attack from below. The bait also has to stay in water deep enough to cover it; this can be right next to exposed rocks or in shallow pools among the rocks.

On a rising tide the water here becomes deeper and deeper until the gamefish can dart in and feed. This quickly scatters the bait around the rocky area. They will not go far, though, because they know that the rocks afford the only safety around.

Now the bass and blues keep circling the area, making periodic raids among the rocks, then coming back out to work on the scattered bait. Therefore, if there is enough water around a rockpile to support gamefish you should cast all around it, and over it if possible. When the tide is out, make your lures travel outward from the rockpile and work them well near the dropoff.

If you have chosen a jetty or breakwater then the baitfish will be hugging the rocks for safety, and this means the gamefish will be raiding as close to the jetty as they can get. They will also be on the lookout for baitfish

Vinnie catches a 15 pounder on an Alou Eel. Author does the gaffing.

caught in the swift currents that surround the jetty.

The baitfish that hang around jetties travel in tight schools going up and down the length of the jetty, so if you are on the jetty cast your lures so that you can retrieve them parallel to it, simulating the action of the baitfish that live there. If you're working it from a boat it's a little more difficult to do this, except at the tip of the jetty. Don't forget to work the pocket that is formed where the jetty meets the shore, as this is one spot in which gamefish frequently trap baitfish.

If you're working a beach area, get in close! Those baitfish that make the beach their home at night feel that the shallower the water, the safer they are, and it pays to work your lures as close to the shore as you can get them. Gamefish will often follow the baitfish into water so shallow their dorsal fins are exposed. If the beach you fish has no waves, such as is the case in Long Island Sound or in the bay areas of the South Shore, the bass and blues will work back and forth parallel to the beach in the quiet water and, at times, are highly susceptable to slowly worked poppers.

The calm beach areas seem to be especially attractive to schools of small bunkers and tinker mackerel. Can the bass and blues be far behind? A skin plug does wonders when the bass are working surfaced bunkers.

Whichever spot you choose, you will find that the action gets hot as the sun sets and it gets dark. If you don't get some action within a reasonable amount of time, it is wise to move to another spot. In general, this kind of fishing is so good that you can invite a friend out, or even your wife, and be confident of supplying some good fishing. A light outfit is best for this kind of fishing, as you will be doing lots of casting; the light outfit makes it easy — especially for the girls.

This kind of fishing can be very exciting and rewarding. Remember to bring along adequate clothing, as the temperature drops quickly at this time of year. During Indian Summer it can actually get balmy out in the evening, and fish seem to respond to the warmth with extra-heavy feeding sprees. You can go out after dinner and be home in time for the late news with a bucket full of delicious gamefish if you remember the proverb — When the sun dips below the horizon, the bass and blues will be a-risin'.

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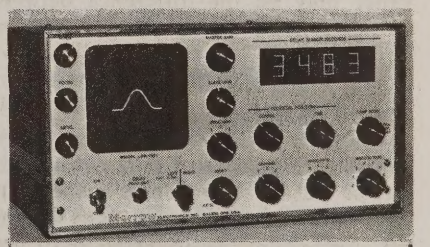

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Rope Trick for BLACKFISH

by Don Millus

With a lot of good blackfishing time left this fall one of Vinnie Ciulla's entirely unpatentable ideas for blackfishing deserves recording. It's all in the anchoring, according to this former commercial fisherman now turned sport and gourmet. The gourmet shows when Vin is given a choice of blacks, blues, or bass. He'll always take the sweet tasting bottom dwellers, and his method of setting the boat against current and wind has helped a lot of his fishing companions hit a lot more of the blacks in his favorite Connecticut waters.

Now experienced tautog fishermen know that a few feet one way or the other may be the difference between bringing home dozens of fat blacks or bringing back just a few. Last spring I noted a boat fishing only fifteen feet away from our boat off the New Haven breakwater, but taking only one fish to every three or four of ours. This other angler was an experienced fisherman, using the same green crab baits we had on, but his boat was just off the rocks and the rip that the big tide runners had picked that day. Our boat had a bow line on the rocks and a stern line in deeper water, which considerably reduced our side to side motion. What crab claws and shells we threw over thus became an effective chum streak leading to the same spot — right under our boat.

Cutting crabs for bait...and a bunker for blues, too. Nothing like a mixed bag.

BOW TO STERN

Vinnie doesn't fish the breakwaters but prefers the reefs around Charles Island and Point Beach, and he claims that tying up the boat just right is half the game. He uses a line running from the bow to the stern, attached to the cleats. The anchor rope is then attached amidships and a simple loop and overhand knot in the double anchor rope enables it to be tied to the bow-stern line as well. Since it's tied just around the line running the length of the boat, it's simply a matter of balancing out wind and current to get the boat perpendicular to the current. Instead of both fishing lines going over the stern or bow, three or four lines can be fished over the side.

An occasional check of the rig when the wind shifts is another help to holding the boat over the selected spot. Whatever form of chumming is done, either with a chum pot or by throwing crushed mussels over the side by the handful, the steadied boat will give the most consistent fishing. Add to this the legs and shells of the green crabs and the moving tide may help advertise the presence of an extra supply of food to some hungry tide runners.

GREEN CRABS

For those who generally use fiddlers or worms for blacks, the green crab is not as formidable a problem as it appears to be. Everyone knows that a soft-shelled crab makes a great bait for stripers; I recently took some school-sized stripers on a five and a half inch "Rebel" and, upon my customary examination of their stomach contents, found that they were feeding on small spotted crabs. Now blues will occasionally feed on crabs, but blackfish thrive on them. I've found a big black with a whole spider crab still undigested in its stomach, and if they like those ugly spider crabs you know they'll love a green crab, especially if it's served just right.

The secret is in having a good, strong knife and a cutting board on the boat. Put the crab down on its back and cut it in half from front to back. If you're extra careful pull the big claws off first, but make sure they go overboard for chum. I've found that the hard part of the shell comes off easily after you pass the blackfish hook through one of the leg openings. With the hard shell off, the meat is more exposed, but there is enough of the hard body structure to bait.

I've found that that first hit by the black is just a bit too tentative to set the hook on, especially with a crab bait. It's that second hard pull that usually gives

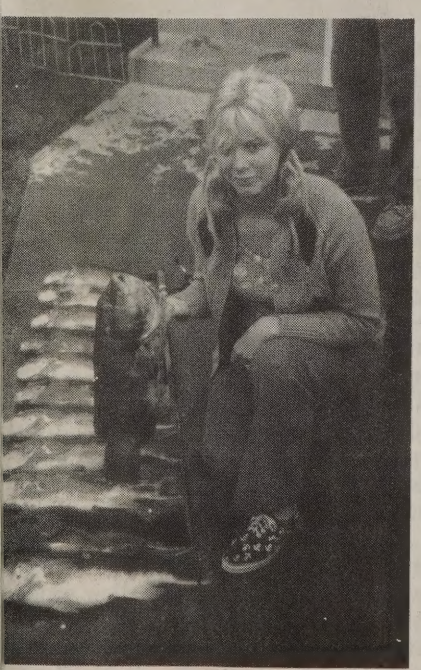
Checking the anchor's set and adjusting the side tie. Two ropes are used, one running the length of the boat, the other for the anchor.

the angler his best shot at a tug of war with a bottom-diving tautog.

BLACKFISH FILLETS

One of the things that used to turn me off about blackfish is the smell that emerged when the fish was gutted. Needless to say, its eating habits don't leave it smelling exactly sweet, and filleting the fish makes a big difference. After the cut alongside the backbone, it's a good idea to check for remnants of bone in the thick part of the fillet. Usually a narrow, v-shaped slice will get rid of those last few bones. What I would like to see is a good recipe for the use of the heads for sauce. I'm sure some of our readers can oblige.

As for the fillets, the only way to ruin them is to overcook them. A little flour mixed with salt and pepper makes a great coating before they are thrown in a skillet with butter or margarine sizzling in it. A few minutes on each side should be sufficient for the thinner fillets. For the heavier pieces one could do worse than to broil them with a few sliced onions and serve with fresh lemon slices. All that maneuvering with boats, anchors, lines, chum, green crabs and tackle is interesting enough, but the ultimate pleasure of fishing is in rewarding the body which enabled the spirit to savor the experience of catching a fish on hook and line.



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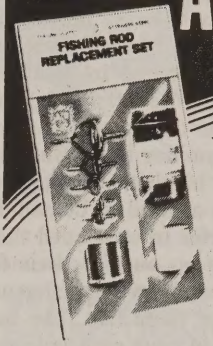

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FIRST COD

by Vlad Evanoff

After catching such fish as striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, blackfish, porgies, sea bass, mackerel and flounders all spring, summer and fall I look forward to the winter months for the first showing of cod in local waters. It's true that nowadays, what with the offshore fishing around wrecks, Cox's Ledge and other deep water or cold water grounds, you can catch cod all summer long. But these are usually long trips way offshore involving reservations, and there are always other species around to be caught. So, most anglers, myself included, prefer to wait until the cod show on closer grounds before they go out for their first cod.

Around the middle of November I usually get cod fever and make my first trip for these fish. The best way to find out if the cod are running in your area is to read the latest fishing reports to see if anyone has been catching these fish. I used ot run down to Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn the evening BEFORE I planned to go out. Then I'd watch the boats returning from that day's fishing. If most of the boats had good catches of cod, and if the weather and wind conditions remained the same, I would get up early the next morning and board one of the Sheepshead Bay boats; usually the good fishing was repeated.

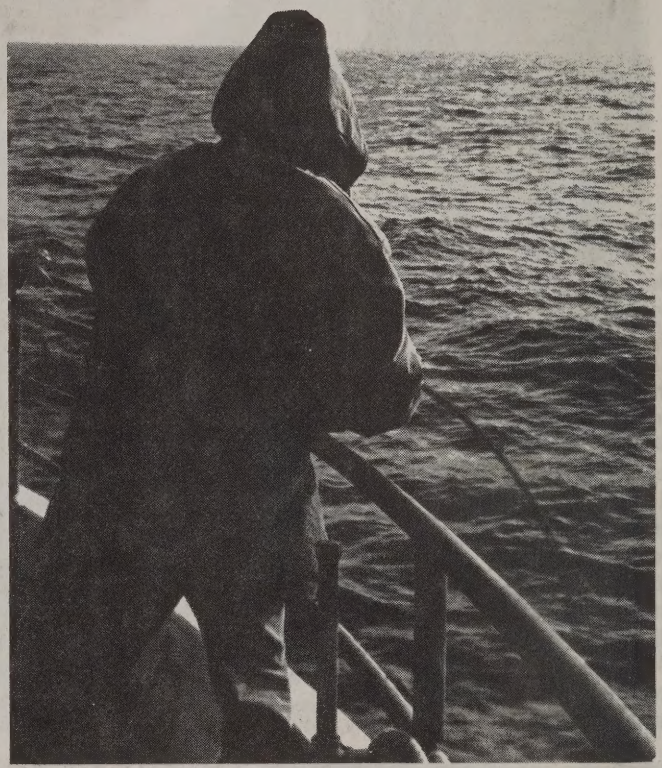
Or, if we went out in a smaller, private boat, we would head for closer-to-shore cod grounds that were having runs of these fish. But you have to watch the weather at this time of the year when fishing from a small boat. The wind can be strong, the waves can get large and it can be rough and cold out there. Besides, many anglers put their boats away for the winter at this time of year and can't go out anyway.

So your best bet is usually one of the party boats which sail from such ports as the previously mentioned Sheepshead Bay, or Canarsie, Captree, Freeport, Pt. Lookout and Montauk on Long Island. Or in New Jersey you can leave from Bayonne, Hoboken, the Highlands, Pt. Pleasant, Belmar, Brielle and Atlantic City. Still other boats leave from Rhode Island and Connecticut ports.

Cod usually feed over rocky bottoms, mussel beds, clam beds and shallow reefs where lobsters, crabs and other shellfish and small fish are plentiful, so Long Island and New Jersey boats fish such spots as Scallop Ridge off Rockaway, Ambrose Grounds, 17 Fathoms, the Farms and Cholera and Angler Banks.

Of course, some of the party boats also specialize in wreck fishing, and that is where some of the biggest cod and pollock are caught. Such boats are equipped with the latest in electronic gear: they can navigate in bad weather and also locate wrecks anywhere from a few miles to 50 miles or more offshore.

Knowing the location of several such wrecks is a big advantage. A captain with such knowledge can try more than one until he finds a wreck which has cod. If the fish are not there, or stop biting, he can look for a different wreck. It doesn't take long to clean out a wreck, so most captains like to fish them light so that fish remain for future trips. They often give the wreck a rest for a few days or weeks so that new fish can move in.



By the bend of his rod you can tell he's got a good sized cod on his line. If you bundle up, codfishing can provide both lots of fun and a good supply of food for the table.

If you fish from a party boat you don't even have to bring your own tackle. You can usually rent a rod and reel and rigs on such boats. Bait is provided as part of the fare. Most of these boats have sheltered cabins and benches; some even have bunks where you can take a nap and a snack bar where you can get some hot coffee, soup or a sandwich.

Most of the cod fishing "regulars" prefer their own rods, reels, lines and rigs. Their rods usually run from about 6 to 8 feet in overall length. The longer rods enable you to handle rigs with two hooks and long snells better, and also help to keep the line away from the boat. In fact, some cod anglers prefer conventional type surf rods because they are longer: the butts on such rods are usually shorter than those used for surf fishing.

Conventional salt-water reels holding up to 200 or 300 yards of line are used with the rods above. In shallow water you can use even smaller reels filled with 25 or 30 pound test line. But in deeper water and for big cod the larger reels holding plenty of 40 to 60 pound test line are more practical.

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KNOW YOUR TIDES

by Peter A. Barrett

I cut the motor back, easing the 12' tin boat toward the rip just ahead. The flowing water twinkled in the first light of dawn, and fish swirled at the edge of the cloudied water pouring from the marsh where it met the clearer water of the bay.

My brother, Bill, tossed a small, yellow bucktail almost up onto the left bank and began retrieving immediately. Jigging his rod tip in a steady rhythm made the little lead lure dance enticingly, just like a frightened minnow tumbling in the fast current of the rip.

"There's a bass!", he announced. Four pound test mono left the reel in surges as a good-sized striper made powerful, lunging runs for freedom. Minutes later, he slipped the gaff under the fish's belly and lifted hard, swinging the 12 pounder aboard our skiff.

For nearly an hour, Bill and I nailed bass after bass on each drift through that rip. Then, abruptly, it was over.

"What happened?", Bill wanted to know. "Where did all the fish go?"

I then began to explain why I had gone directly to this spot at this particular time. The most effective time to fish this water was two hours after the turn of the water to the outgoing tide. Schools of small to medium sized stripers often ganged up at this rip on a feeding spree before they hit the deeper water, and enjoyed the safety of the nearby channel while waiting for the high water on its return to the marshes in the bay.

This is just one example of why anglers should learn the effects of the tides and how they can influence fishing conditions. In many instances, tides can make or break your fishing success.

Tides change the conditions of the water in bays, rivers, inlets and along shorelines as they sweep in and out: temperatures can change, too, with the changing tide. At extreme high water periods, new fishing locations are opened at the edges of marshes and other shorelines that are not normally covered with water, and therefore not the usual habitat for gamefish. At extreme low water, some locations are left high and dry, and devoid of any fish life until the next incoming tide. Another very important point often overlooked by fishermen is the tremendous movement of baitfish, and other food organisms, linked directly to the tides.

OK, the tides obviously effect our fishing potential, so let's learn a little about the rules, terminology and guidelines to gain a better understanding of how tides can benefit our fishing.

Tides are effected by the moon, which circles the globe approximately every 28 days. The moon's elliptical orbit changes the strength of its gravitational pull on the water during each moon phase. There is a one week period when the sun, earth and moon are in almost a direct line. At this time we see no moon, and this is called the New Moon phase. If the moon is in its orbit closest to the earth, and in line with the sun, we experience the highest high tides and lowest low tides during the four week period. This position is described as "perigee", and tides at this time are called "spring" tides (no relation to the season of the year).

As the moon continues in its path, it arrives at right angles to the sun and earth. Both the sun and the moon pull about evenly on the earth's water, and we have a week when the moon and sun tend to cancel out the tidal effects of each other. At this time there is the least rise and fall of the water and the tides are called "neap" tides.

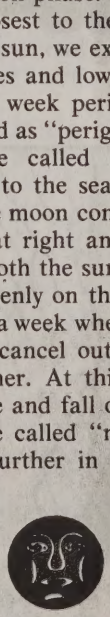
Still further in its orbit, the moon reaches the other side of the earth, so that earth is now between the sun and moon. Again we get extreme high and low tides, but not as extreme as those during the first week spring tide period. When the moon is at its furthest point from the earth, but in line with the earth and sun, the position is called "apogee".

During the fourth week period, the moon is again at right angles to the earth and there is little rise and fall of the tides — a neap tide period.

As the earth rotates on its axis on a daily basis, we experience two high and two low tides in this area. However, since the tides are not exactly six hours apart, it is possible to experience a combination of high and low tides three times on certain days.

Twice a year, at approximately March 22 and September 22, the sun is directly in line with the earth's equator and at this time it exerts its greatest pull on the water. This phenomenon, marked by equal time of daylight and darkness on each side of the equator, is called the "equinox". The knowledgeable fisherman can really capitalize on this situation as the above normal spring tides nearly empty bays and other inland waters, washing tremendous volumes of bait through inlets and out into the ocean.

Let's apply some of this to the realities of fishing. You know that every 7 day period of high tides is followed by

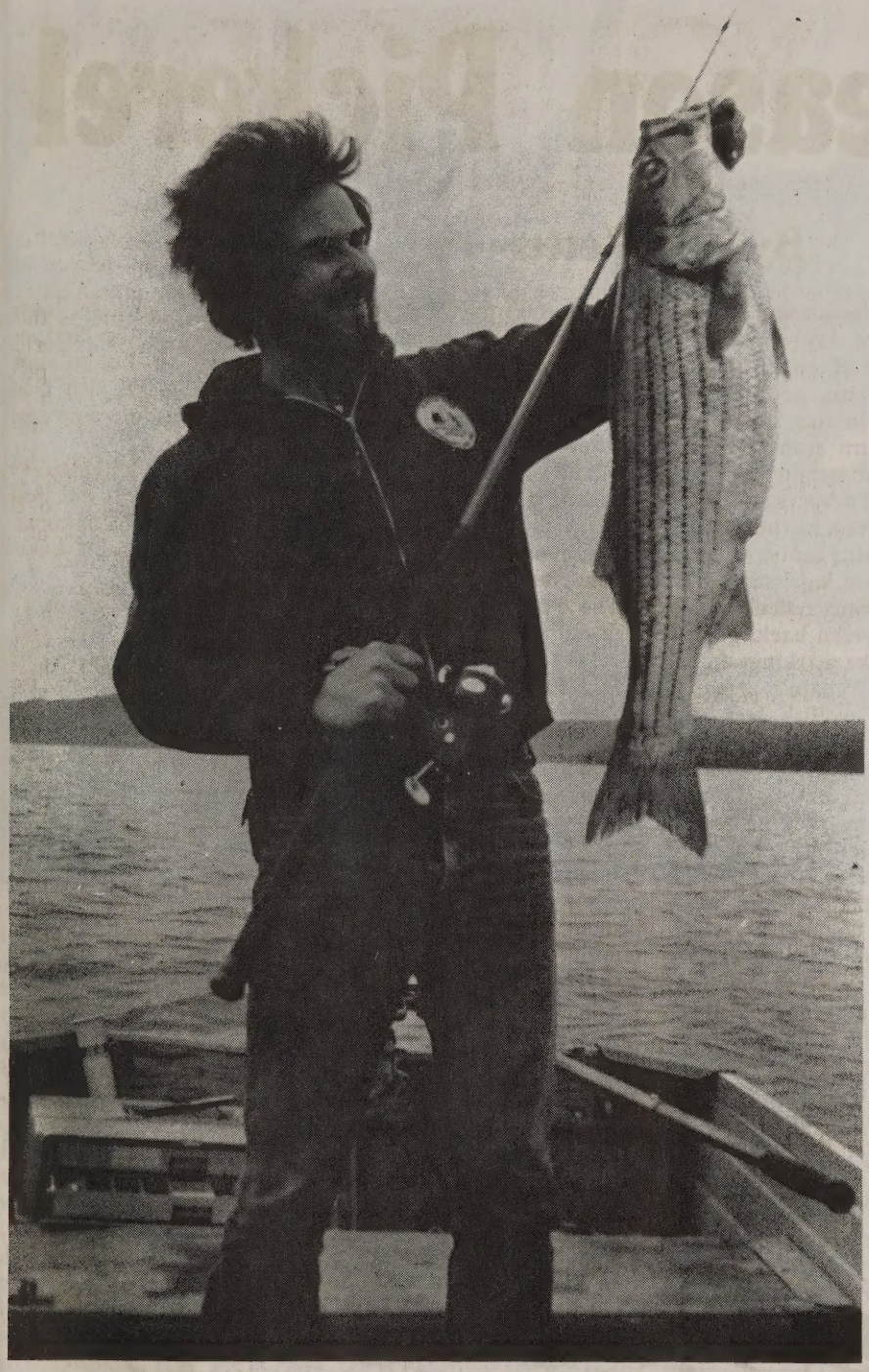


New Moon, can't be seen, or only a small sickle of light is visible. SPRING TIDE.

First Quarter moon, when it is right angles to the sun and earth NEAP TIDE.

Full Moon, when sun's light is fully reflected off moon's surface. SPRING TIDE.

Third Quarter Moon, again at right angles . NEAP TIDE.



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a 7 day period of tides with less rise and fall. Suppose you are fishing a sand bar at Cedar Beach and experience good fishing at, say, 4 A.M. You know that in approximately two weeks you can return to that same good fishing if the weather or other climatic changes haven't ruined the fishing. If the fish had been hitting the first time, they should be hitting the second time, since the tides cycle approximately every fourteen days.

The week following your fishing will be exactly opposite the first week. Let us assume that you had some good weakfish action in Great South Bay on an outgoing tide this Saturday. Returning the next Saturday at the same time will put you right in the middle of an incoming tide — the wrong time — and probably few feeding fish.

Tides also occur roughly one hour later each day. Hence, if you had blues gobbling up your plugs off Norwalk at 4 P.M. on Thursday, the same conditions will return (not counting the weather) at 5 P.M. on Friday and again at 6 P.M. on Saturday.

How far into the tides you are can also influence fishing, as the strength of the currents caused by the tides changes. At the turn of the tide from high to outgoing, the current will usually be slow at first, building as you get further into that six hour outgoing period, and slacking off as you near low slack water. Stripers, blues and weakfish can often be found where the currents are strongest, because that is where large amounts of bait are washed from bays, rivers and inlets. Bottom feeders like fluke and flounder will more often feed best before or after the extreme currents in any given tide. Naturally, feeding times will vary from one spot to another, and one location's fast water may be considered slow a few miles away at another location.

It is important to realize that tides do effect fishing, to such an extent that one tide may produce excellent fishing while the opposite tide may produce virtually nothing. So watch the moon, read the local tide tables, and enjoy good fishing.

Late Season Pickerel

By Don Vetter

As shorter days and longer nights chill the autumn air, the water temperature drops as well, but more slowly. With the progression of the season, the character of Long Island's lakes and ponds gradually changes; aquatic weed growth decreases, lily pad beds begin to shrink in size, and those shoreline cattails and pickerel weeds turn from summer green to a sere brown. Despite the diminishment of the weed cover in which he likes to conceal himself while waiting for unwary baitfish, the pickerel is on the feed in the fall.

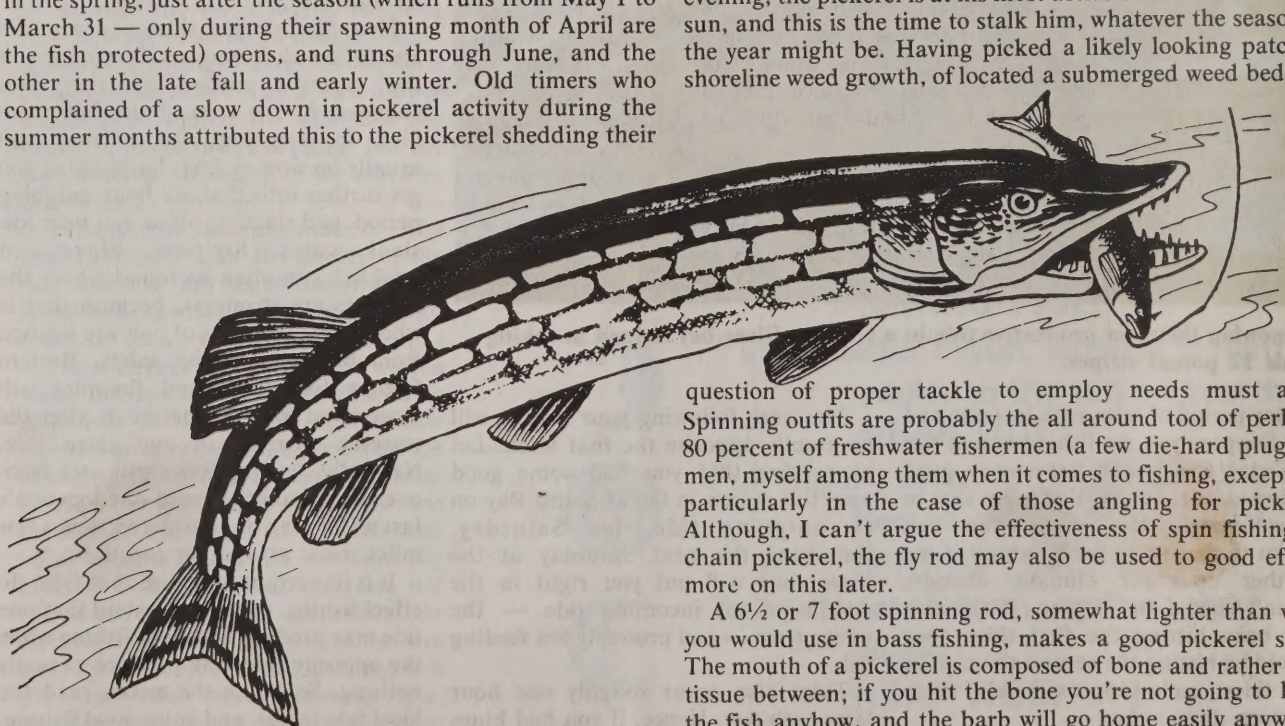
It is the chain pickerel, rather than the little redfin or grass pickerel (which rarely attains the minimum legal size of 12 inches), which is of interest to the angler. **Esox reticulatus** Le Sueur is distinguished by his irridecent green back, golden flanks, and the dark, interlocking chain-like markings on his sides, from which his common name, "chain" pickerel, derives. With his long slim body and wolfish leer, old chainsides exhibits a perpetually lean and hungry look. Needle sharp teeth line his long jaws, and the roof of his mouth is filled with row upon row of hinged, inward slanting dentures, which prevent the escape of any prey he seizes. Cases have been recorded in which pickerel have choked to death through attempting to swallow too large a fish, as the inward slanting teeth prevent ejection of the oversized meal; the pickerel literally bit off more than he could chew, which gives you some idea of what a rapacious predator the species can be.

Although pickerel feed rather actively all year long, there area two periods when their feeding activity is more intense: in the spring, just after the season (which runs from May 1 to March 31 — only during their spawning month of April are the fish protected) opens, and runs through June, and the other in the late fall and early winter. Old timers who complained of a slow down in pickerel activity during the summer months attributed this to the pickerel shedding their teeth in the warm weather. In point of fact, pickerel loose teeth throughout the year from one cause or another and, as soon as one tooth is lost, nature provides another to start growing in to replace the lost one. Actually, the fish feed through the summer, though perhaps not with the same zeal as they do in the cooler months.

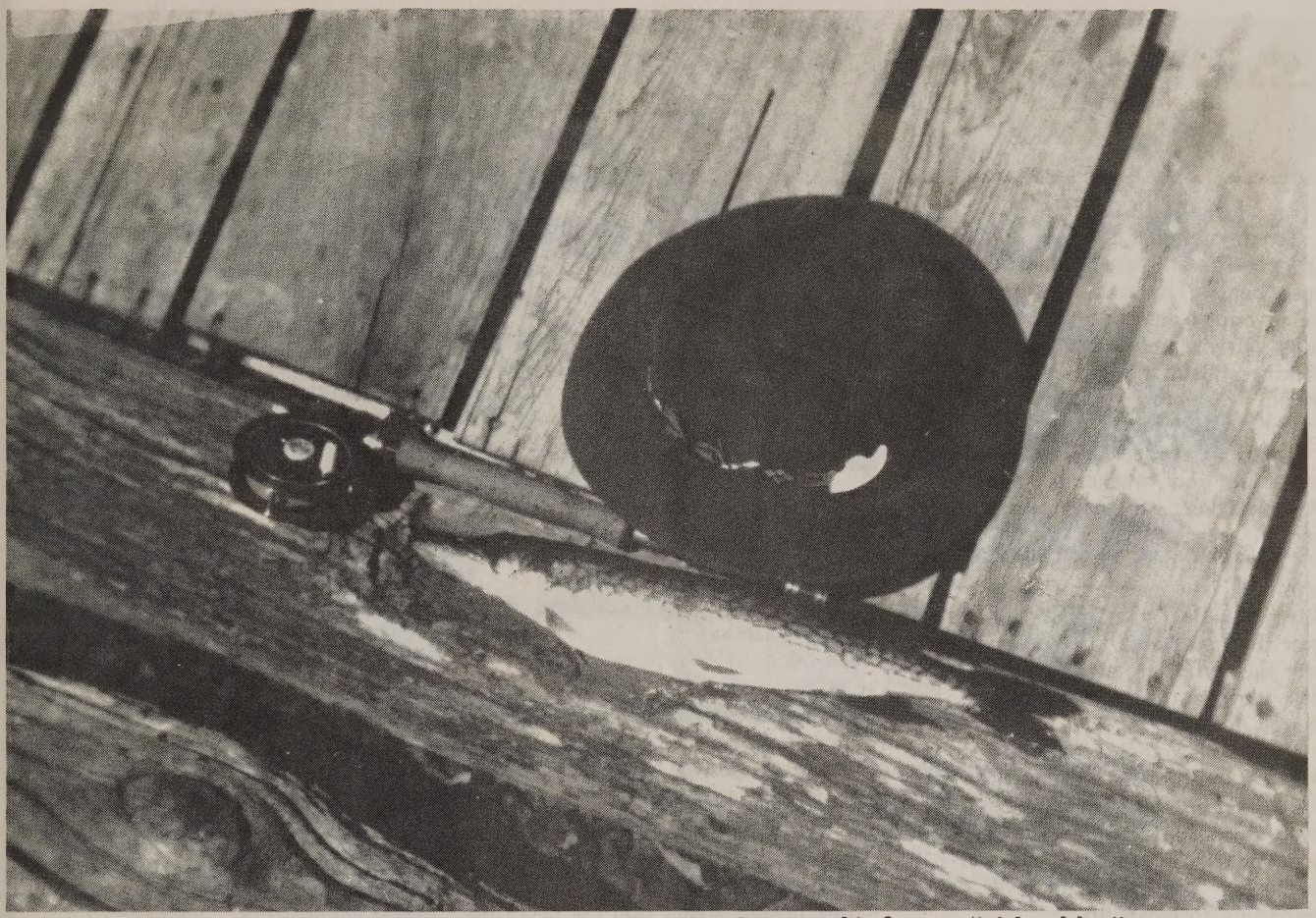
While a great many waters on Long Island are inhabited by pickerel, it is easy to name those which provide the best action: the Peconic River system; Lake Ronkonkoma, Ronkonkoma; Wildwood Lake, Riverhead; Canaan Lake, Patchogue; Southard's Pond, Babylon.

The customary method in seeking pickerel haunts is to seek out shoreline weed growths or lily pad beds, and cast parallel to them with whatever bait or lure you happen to be using. The method is a good one and produces well, for pickerel invariably conceal themselves in such weeds, facing outwards toward open water, ready to pounce on anything edible-looking which happens to pass by. This fails to take into account the submerged weedbeds which lie in deeper water, and are not visible at the surface. When colder weather brings a marked decrease in the shoreline and surface — visible weeds, those deeper water weed beds can become especially important. Locating these beds may present a problem to the angler who is not thoroughly familiar with the body of water he is fishing, though dragging a weighted treble hook through the depths till it fouls some weeds may help.

Unlike most gamefish, which prefer early morning and late evening, the pickerel is at his most active beneath the midday sun, and this is the time to stalk him, whatever the season of the year might be. Having picked a likely looking patch of shoreline weed growth, of located a submerged weed bed, the question of proper tackle to employ needs must arise. Spinning outfits are probably the all around tool of perhaps 80 percent of freshwater fishermen (a few die-hard plug rod men, myself among them when it comes to fishing, excepted), particularly in the case of those angling for pickerel. Although, I can't argue the effectiveness of spin fishing on chain pickerel, the fly rod may also be used to good effect; more on this later.



A 6½ or 7 foot spinning rod, somewhat lighter than what you would use in bass fishing, makes a good pickerel stick. The mouth of a pickerel is composed of bone and rather thin tissue between; if you hit the bone you're not going to hook the fish anyhow, and the barb will go home easily anywhere



Pickerel are unable to resist the author's charm when he wears his famous "pickerel hat".

else, hence a lighter rod than is required to drive home the hook in a bass's tough mouth; besides which they simply lack the fighting ability of a largemouth. Six pound test mono will suffice in all but the densest of cover. Though the time honored red and white wobbling spoon still enjoys wide popularity as a pickerel lure, the revolving blade spinner is much more effective. Plugs, particularly the long, thin, silvery finished ones now in vogue, are also good. Whatever lure you use, employ a fast retrieve, much faster than that which you would use for bass.

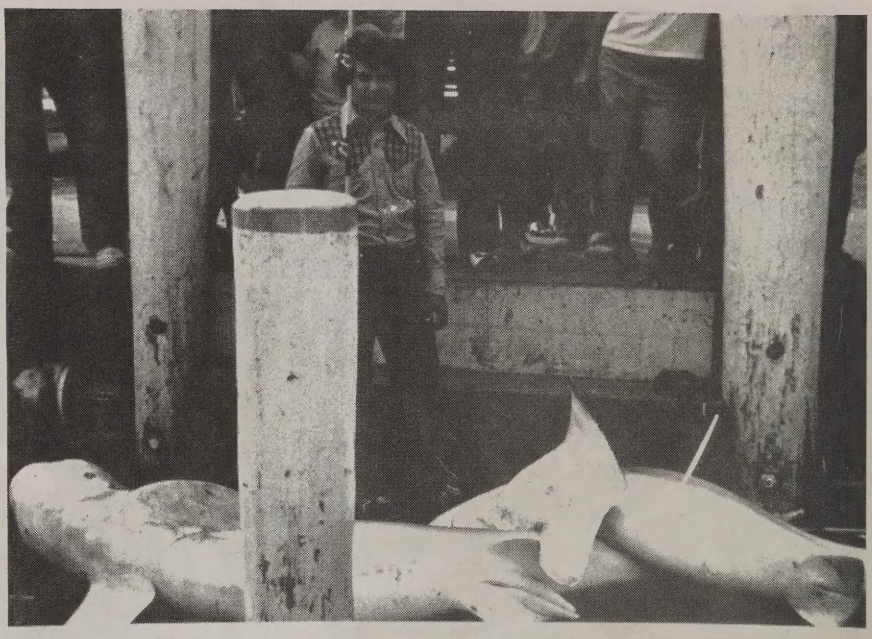
One method of pickerel fishing which seems to have all but died out is the art of "skittering". A long cane pole was rigged with a short (rarely more than 3 foot) length of heavy line, to which a large spinner with a strip of pork rind was affixed. This lure was then worked in and out amongst the weeds rapidly, near the surface, often churning the water to a froth. The trick worked, as I have seen it done in Florida (where pickerel are referred to as "jackfish"), and would probably work as well on Long Island, if there were someone with enough initiative to give it a try.

For those who wish to use live bait, selection presents little problem; the saltwater killie is practically the universal baitfish for Long Island due to its availability, and works well indeed for pickerel. The killie may be fished either back-hooked, suspended 3 feet or so beneath a float, with a split shot about a foot above the hook, or swimming free, unweighted and lip-hooked. The float method makes sense when fishing shoreline, or any visible weed growth. The submerged weed beds referred to earlier would call more for the free swimming. Hook size depends to some extent on the size of the killie employed, but a #1/0 beak type is usually a

Using a fly rod for pickerel fishing is not often done, but it good around choice. Whether you fish bait or lures, it is well to remember that pickerel can easily sever light monofilament. Wire leaders are not really called for, but a 6 inch length of 25 pound test mono can save you many a fish. can be a rewarding and productive method, and is my personal favorite for them. The big 8½ foot bass rod with a No. 8 floating bug-taper (WF8F) line is what I most often find myself using, though a smaller, lighter rod with 7 or even 6 weight line would serve well. The weight forward taper isn't really necessary either, as wind resistant bugs are rarely employed; one could get by with a double taper fly line. Almost any light-hued streamer or bucktail pattern serves well for pickerel, with the Mickey Finn and White Marabou patterns, sizes 6 and 8, heading the list. A relatively fast, short strip retrieve works best. When the shallows prove unproductive, I go to the spinning outfit, with either spinner or killie to fish the deeper spots, rather than resorting to the use of a sinking fly line.

There is a great deal of prejudice against the pickerel as an eating fish, due in large measure to the many small, interlocking bones. For those with the patience to cope with those tiny bones, the pickerel's flesh is firm and white, and at least as flavorful as that of most black bass. There is one item of equipment I try not to do without when in pursuit of pickerel: an old fedora hat with a beaded band which is a kind of a good luck charm to me. Referred to as Vetter's "pickerel hat" by fishing buddies, I rarely wear it, but just having it along seems to do the trick. Silly superstition? Perhaps it is, but the one time I fished for pickerel without that old hat last year, I managed to get skunked.

South Shore Report



Jim Gordon, Jr. of Scarsdale poses with a 300 lb. blue shark and a 130 lb. dusky caught in August aboard the Jean Three at Montauk.

MONTAUK

Ten days of near constant high winds and poor weather created havoc for the open boats. The seas were sometimes too high to go outside or make extended runs. Dirty water also made for poor pickings. Calmer and colder weather, which is coming, will improve the catches.

The Hel-Cat Fleet will go to the Race for blues on weekends now. The Peconic Queen will work Block Island and the nearby wrecks.

Capt. Sundberg of the charter boat Montauk had excellent fishing at the Shagwong Reef, the North Bar and all over the Point area. The south side is very murky. There are plenty of small fish moving through as well as the bigger ones.

Johnny Kronuch, Jr. reports the North Bar produced striped bass over the weekend. Friday and Saturday were best. Swimming plugs are the most productive. The south shore was still roiled up and dirty, however, it is beginning to clean up.

SHINNECOCK

Mickey Altenkirch reports the bass fishing on the beach was poor because of the weather, however, some die-hards brought in some bass. Flounders are in strong in Shinnecock Bay and Canal. Blackfish are also in at the canal.

Capt. Clark Bellows of the Capt. Clark II is doing well on blackfish in the Peconics.

MORICHES

Skidmore's Fishing Station reports flounders are in at Harts Cove and at the Coast Guard Radio Station. Fifty to sixty fish per boat is about average. The flounders are now up to about one pound in size. Nancy said the best time for fishing is during the incoming tide. Mussel chumming is a sure way to increase your catch.

Blackfish are being caught in the Moriches Inlet. Rough water conditions on the inside make this spot one that should be fished with extreme caution and small open boats should avoid it altogether except during the calmest of days.

MASTIC

Patricia Cole of Moriches Bait & Tackle said the Forge River flounders are beautiful. They are running about a pound. They are taking either sand or bloodworms, however, they seem to prefer sandworms.

CAPTREE

The open boats did not sail during the week because of the poor weather. On the weekend some boats went out and they came back with bluefish in fair to good quantities, with the weights going 8 to 10 lbs. A few offshore wrecks were fished for codfish and these wrecks provided fair fishing. The bay was relatively quiet and little or no fishing was done. Better weather will bring better fishing.

FIRST COD

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Cod rigs are simple, consisting merely of a hook, in size from 6/0 to 8/0, tied to a 20 or 24 inch snell about a foot or so above the sinker. Some anglers prefer two hooks, and they tie the second hook a couple of feet above the first. Sinkers from 8 to 16 ounces are used, depending on the water depth, current and whether you are anchored or drifting.

Skimmer clams are the bait usually used for cod. The entire body of a clam can be used for big cod, but if the fish are running small, cut the clam into two or three parts. Run the hook through the clam and leave the point and barb exposed. Other baits which can be used include strips of squid and pieces of fish such as herring, whiting and bergalls. A tough bait which is often used, together with the softer clam portions, is the conch or whelk or sea snail.

When fishing from an anchored boat, one trick which brings more cod up to the boat is chumming with skimmers cracked with a club and tossed over the side. An alternative, though not as effective, is to throw the empty shells from skimmers which have been shucked for bait. Don't expect instant action from cod even if you chum. Cod are slow, and it may take a while before they locate the chum and arrive on the scene.

Most of the time, a moving bait will attract more cod than one which is lying still on the bottom. A drifting boat will give the bait this movement and it will also allow it to cover more territory. Lowering and lifting your rod, which drops the bait back quickly, or moving the bait along the bottom, away from the boat, will also help to get more bites. Once the cod grabs the clam, however, lower your rod tip and give him a few seconds to swallow your offering.

The first runs of cod are usually the best, so it pays to go out sometime during the first few weeks they are here. Later on in January and February the fishing usually slows down and, of course, it also gets much colder; some boats may get iced in. So, do your codfishing during November and December and get in on the hottest fishing of the season.

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BABYLON

George of the Babylon Sports Center reports the flounders are being picked up off Fox Island and at the State Channel junction. A few big bass were caught off the Sore Thumb as well as outside.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported the flounders are getting slightly larger and catches remain about the same. Blackfish are still at the Kismet Reef. Striped bass can be had by drifting anywhere from the Coast Guard Station to the Sore Thumb. Striped bass are being trolled in 35 ft. of water off Gilgo Beach when the boats can get out. Trolling bucktails with a pork rind and big surgical tubes, as well as eels, produces some big bass. John Schaefer mentioned a Frank Said who was clam chumming by the Robert Moses Bridge and picked up a 34 lb. bass. This occurred on Sunday.

Pretty Barbara Fenza of East Northport holds a 20 lb. bluefish she caught in the Race aboard the Hel-Cat.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs called to say the big bass are still with us even with the bad weather of the previous week. Most of the bunker have left and live eels are more important than ever. This weekend will see a full moon and every opportunity should be made to pick up these bass on live eels. Cedar Beach and Jones Inlet seem to be holding good concentrations of bass. Flounders are being fished well at John J. Byrnes Park in Massapequa and the Bayview Street dock. in Amityville.

Mike at Sportackular says trollers were picking up big bass (18-44 lbs.) off Gilgo, Tobay and Lido beaches on bunker spoons trolled in 20 to 35 ft. of water. Flounders are available at Fort Neck and Four Corners. If you don't like cold weather, go down to Acapulco, Mexico where Fred Mayer caught a six foot sailfish and then ran out of film for his camera.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reported the flounders were plentiful for most of the boats. Crabs are still being picked up at the edges of the channels. Blackfishing was quiet over the weekend.

WANTAGH

Causeway Bait & Tackle reported the flounder fishing was not productive this past week but hopefully the colder weather will improve this situation. Blackfish are slowly dying out now and the next couple of weeks might see the end of this fishing. Big striped bass were sighted from the beach over the weekend but seemed to be too far out for the casters. They seemed to be feeding on bunker.

MERRICK

Ronnie Tartaglia at Whaleneck Marina said a lot of flounders were caught in the bay. Blackfish at the Wantagh bridges are still around. They are also at the Tea Wreck, if you can get out. Crabbing seems to be finished.

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Nine year old Warren Leggiere, Jr. of Deer Park proudly displays the 50 lb. bass it took him 45 minutes to land on October 23. The bass took a bunker drifted in Fire Island Inlet. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.

N.Y. Bight Report

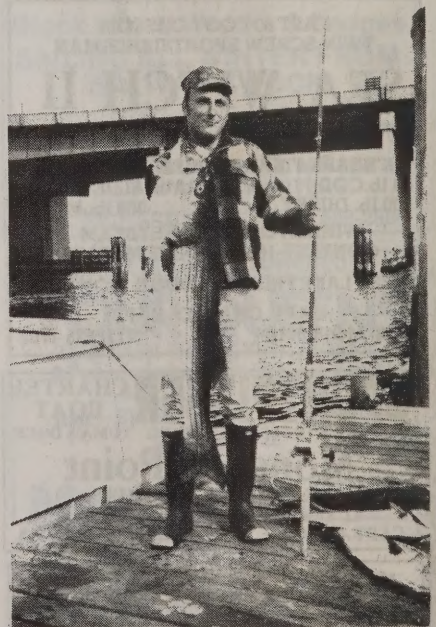
FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of Capt. Jack's Star Stream reported excellent blackfishing on both Saturday and Sunday. For the two days 1500 blackfish came aboard. Best fish was 8 lbs., but 5 pounders were common. A few sea bass and ling were mixed in with the blacks on the wrecks only an hour from the dock. Average catch per man was 25-50 fish. Capt. Richie said he expects the first codfish to appear in numbers any day now.

The Capt. Al has been fishing local wrecks for big fish. Saturday he had quite a few large cod. The largest were a 53½ lb. cod caught by Ray Spoto, a 49¾ pounder by Jack King and a 34 lb. cod taken by Pete Wenskus. Mixed in with the cod was an assortment of large bluefish, sea bass, pollack and porgies up to 4 lbs.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Clem of the Commodore said the flounder fishing in the local channels is very good and getting better. The fish are steadily getting larger and they range from ¾ to 1 lb. in size. A few blacks are still in the bays. Not much to report on bass due to the high winds over the weekend.



Bob Urban of Ridgewood, Queens, holds the 40 lb. bass he took on a 17" black Lupo eel in 45 feet of water off Long Beach aboard the "Kim."

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Phil McCunkey with the first striped bass he ever caught, a 40 lb. beauty taken at the East Rockaway Inlet.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station weighed in two big stripers for Neil Barnett which he took on bunker spoons. The two cows tipped the scales at 50¾ and 36¼ lbs. respectively. The fish were trolled along with several smaller ones in 25 feet of water right off Atlantic Beach. Loads of large bluefish of 12-17 lbs. are also being trolled on bunker spoons from Atlantic to Lido Beach. Blackfish are being taken at the Atlantic Beach Bridge and all the local jetties. Plenty of flounders of ½ to ¾ lbs. are available in Bannister Creek, Woodmere Channel and Broad Channel.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

"Loads of bluefish," reported Capt. Jim of the Amberjack IV. The Farms has been the hot spot. On Saturday twelve fares and the crew boated over 250 bluefish. Capt. Jim went on to say that this Friday, November 9, the Amberjack IV will make a special cod and pollack trip. The boat leaves 11:00 P.M. Friday night and returns late Saturday after fishing the offshore wrecks.

Capt. Charles Locurto of the Tone B fished off Seabright on Saturday. He had a good mix of blackfish and sea bass despite the rolling seas resulting from the wind. On Sunday the wind kept the Tone B at the dock.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran at Santo's Sport Shop reported flounders are ebing taken from the surf in Great Kills Harbor on worms and clams. Small blackfish are being taken on worms from the jetties in Great Kills Harbor. Striped bass are being caught from the beach at Princess Bay on worms. A 9 and a 14 pounder and several smaller fish were weighed in on Thursday. A few schoolies were taken from the beach at Great Kills Park. Small bass to 4 lbs. are taking artificials at the Verrazano Bridge.

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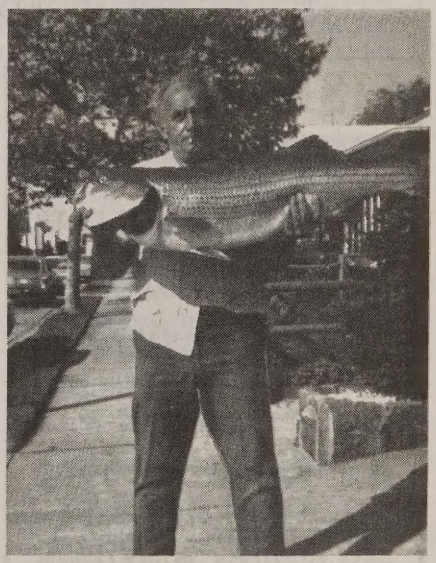
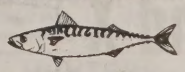


Bob Albanesi of Long Beach proudly holds a 45 lb. 4 oz. cow he trolled off Long Beach on a red tube.



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North Shore Report

GREENPORT

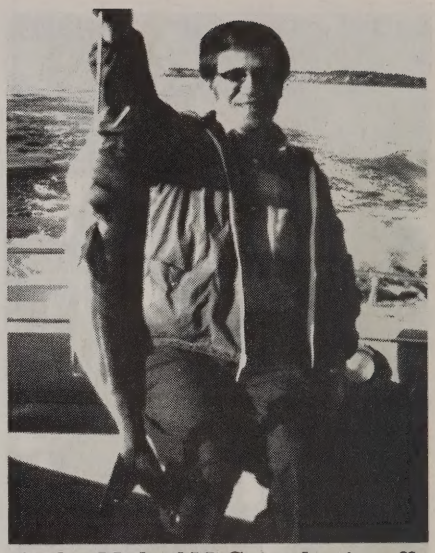
White's Bait Shop reported the fishing is fabulous in the Plum Gut. Bluefish are coming in by droves and along with them are many striped bass. The charter boats are coming in early with full loads of fish. Blackfishing at Plum Island, Gull Island and Old Silas Rock is fantastic, when you can get out there. The Brand X is fishing the Plum Gut for blues and the Wilhelric is enjoying the blackfishing.

SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports they were blown out the past week. A few boats went out over the weekend and did very well on blackfish at the Brickyard. These fish were only 1½ to 2 pounds but several boats came in with a bushelful of these blacks and one boat had two bushels. Founders Landing has flounders of about ¾ of a pound. The quantities are not as great as at Orient Point.

MOUNT SINAI

Earl Dietrich of Queensland Cove Tackle Shop reports anglers are still picking up some big blues and stripers. The bluefish are hitting bunker and a few plugs occasionally, while trollers are using big tubes. Early morning is best for the bass, and swimming plugs do the trick. The blackfish are in nice and solid. Flounders are of a nice size but there are few fish available.

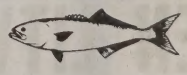


Father Michael McGuire showing off with his brother John's large bluefish trolled at Crane Neck Point.

HUNTINGTON

Bluefish are just about finished. There are very few sightings and just as many catches. Cold Spring Harbor had bunker this past week and some blues along with some striped bass came out of there. The Eaton's Neck Rip has produced at a fair rate for the striped bass trollers when they could get out. Flounders are being picked up at the head of Centerport Harbor. The flounders are not in any great quantity but they are of a good size.

Louis Zarrella was spending the week at Marshall Field Estate and saw fish breaking water every morning along the beach working northward from Target Rock. He did not have his big stick with him and so was frustrated in his attempts to catch them.



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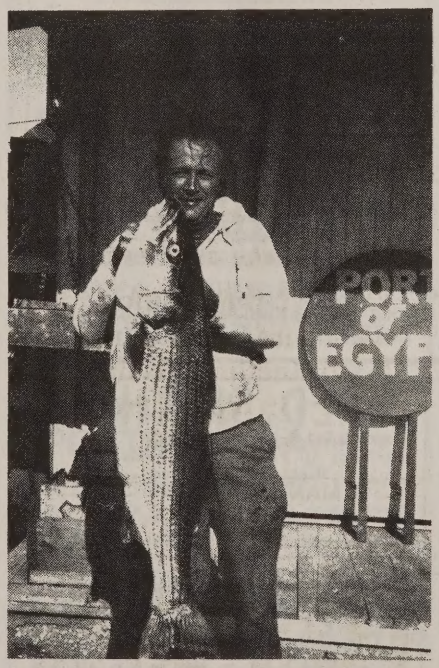
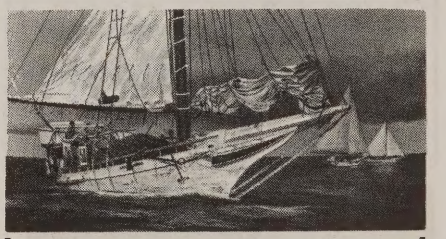


A rigged bunker took this 35 lb. striper in the Plum Gut for Bob Lehmann of Mattituck. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.



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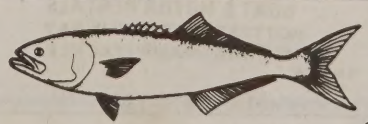

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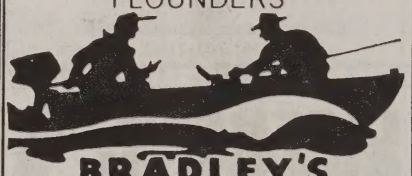

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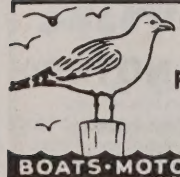

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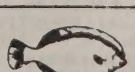

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

As I sit at my typewriter the wind continues to blow a gale out of the west. Yesterday it blew from the east, and the day before that it was rain and wind, and the power went out. All I can say is DON'T PUT THE RODS AWAY YET.

I took a week off from phoning for reports this week for the simple reason that only a few people have managed to squeeze in fewer hours of fishing and their reports suffice to affirm that the season is far from over.

Blues are still with us. Up and down the line, jumbo choppers have been taken, but it's still the bunker bit all the way. A few schools have surfaced, but I'd hoped for more top-water activity after the bad weather spell. Looks like it's going to be a tear of bait-fishing if we want fish, and that's all there is to it.

There's plenty of evidence that the tremendous bass school that was here in November of last year is also back with

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us. Schoolies are plentiful, but even these fish are hitting the small bait chunks better than they are the artificials.

That last paragraph was strictly concerned with daytime fishing. The hours of darkness are something else again. Pick your tides and wade the surf at good rips like Penfield, Bedfords and the mouth of the Housatonic River, and you're likely to come up with all the night-time bass you want. Redfins and Rebels share the honors for top lures at the moment, but there's an excellent chance of hitting bigger fish should you put the power behind Jr. Atoms and the #50 Goo-Goo Eyes.

Flounder are off to a fair start for their short fall migration and should come back into the rivers and bays bigger and fatter than they were in the spring. Flatties will definitely last through November, and if a good day should pop up sometime between December 1 and Christmas, a trip to the mouth of a river or a sand beach nearby, with rod, reel and sandworms, might just add a bonus to your fishing year you never had before.

Smelt have started in the Norwalk River, but this fish has been so scarce in recent years that I'll offer no prediction other than a hope for a decent fall run. None have shown in the Saugatuck River in Westport as yet.

Wouldn't it be great to go back to those smelt runs of old, when anglers armed with cane poles and those favorite smelt rigs designed by equally famous Tony Poltrack (who probably knows more about smelt than any angler) line the banks, walls and docks of rivers like the Saugatuck and the Norwalk to catch these eating delicacies by the bucketful.

Tony once wrote me a letter criticizing an article I did on the netting of smelt. Now I can only say that he was so right, and I so wrong.

Blackfish are at least as good as they were last season, and many people are saying better. This is the big month for big blacks, with the party boats out of New Rochelle, Greenwich, Norwalk and Bridgeport running daily.

Near the end of the month look for a run of cod in eastern Connecticut and off the Rhode Island shore. The waters of Fishers Island Sound, as well as east of there, host big schools of broomstick-bending codfish beginning late November and early December. Veterans swear they're right there close to shore all winter long if you have the guts to get out and catch them.

Yes, the fishing will be good for another month, and maybe longer. Tommycod will be entering the Norwalk, Saugatuck, Mianus and other rivers to mix with the flounder this month, and then spawn in December. While they're fair game for hook and line anglers now, come December they won't bite a bait and must be speared or caught in traps.

Fresh water fishing, too, is a bonus for Connecticut winter anglers. Trout streams are open through February 28, 1974. Lakes and ponds will offer excellent ice fishing. If it's great big trout you desire, a trip to Fisherman's Paradise in Danbury, or Rainbow Lake in North Haven offer your best chance at mountain-size fish.

When it's all over, there will still be plenty of time to pack those rods away, taking them out later on colder, snowier days to examine, repair, varnish and polish. There will be plenty to do with fishing all winter long, but let's not even thick about that yet.

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LONG BRANCH

Paul Siciliano at Monmouth Tackle reported small bass along the jetties. There are some bluefish, larger bass and even weakfish just offshore within reach of cartoppers. Joe Grandy hit bigger fish with his cartopper trolling bunker spoons, taking bass up to 30 lbs. Bassmen from the Shark River area are snagging bunker in the river and catching big bass from Seabright south to Shark River.

SEASIDE

Bill Garrey at Judy & Bill's reported excellent weakfishing in the Island Park area. Bobby Wiesel fished the Atom Jr., taking six stripers from 15 to 19½ lbs. Andy Repis bagged a 12 lb. blue and a 16½ lb. striper.

Worms and plugs are taking stripers and blues are hitting mullet from Ortley down to the park. Trolled umbrella rigs off the beach are scoring mixed catches of bass to 20 lbs., blues to 15 lbs., and big weakfish.

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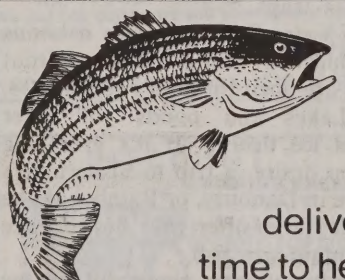

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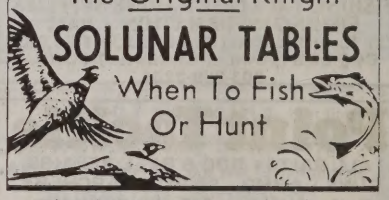

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs	1:50	**8:20**	2:15	**8:50**
Fri	2:30	**9:10**	3:05	**9:40**
Sat	3:20	**10:05**	3:55	**10:30**
Sun	4:25	**11:10**	4:45	**11:40**
Mon	5:20		5:55	**12:25**
Tues	6:30	**12:50**	7:00	**1:25**
Wed	7:40	**1:55**	8:05	**2:25**
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	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM
THURSDAY	5:28	5:52	6:56	7:22	8:44	9:13	8:54	9:22
FRIDAY	6:13	6:38	7:37	8:07	9:29	9:58	9:40	10:08
SATURDAY	6:59	7:24	8:20	8:53	10:12	10:46	10:25	10:54
SUNDAY	7:42	8:13	9:05	9:42	10:59	11:35	11:12	11:43
MONDAY	8:31	9:03	9:54	10:33	11:48		11:59	
TUESDAY	9:23	10:00	10:45	11:31	12:24	12:39	12:33	12:50
WEDNESDAY	10:20	11:00	11:44		1:19	1:35	1:26	1:43
THURSDAY	11:17		12:28	12:45	2:20	2:36	2:24	2:44

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunck Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
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11/24	11/3	11/10	11/17
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Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	+0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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